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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
Federal Bureau of Investigation

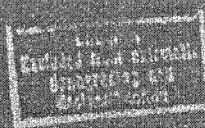
SUBJECT: Yuri Ivanovich NOSENKO, Espionage - Russia

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 6 March 1964, subject as above, HQ- (7) 100-1080, in which you requested information which would tend to corroborate or disprove NOSENKO's information concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. Our files contain the following information from HQ- (7) 100-1080 which may amplify or contradict the information forwarded in reference:

2. (U) Source was queried on the OSWALD affair on 23 January 1964. Source reported that his own Department was involved directly with OSWALD because OSWALD came to the USSR as a tourist in 1963. He had not come to special Soviet attention in any way until Source's Department received a report that OSWALD had asked to become a Soviet citizen. It was implied that Source had self-initiated the request. The KGB decided to look into OSWALD's request to see if there was any operational interest, which part of the request would have use for him and what was behind the request. It was decided that OSWALD was of no interest whatsoever to the KGB and recommended that he merely go home to the U.S. as a returning tourist and there go through the formalities with the Soviet Embassy of requesting to become a Soviet citizen. OSWALD then made the dramatic gesture of suicide when he received his passport. He had been supposed to go on a trip with other tourists but failed to show up for the group. At his hotel it was found that his key had not been turned in at the desk, so it was presumed that he was still in his room. The Soviets went to

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the room, knocked and got no answer so finally they broke the door down and found OSWALD lying there bleeding to death. Source himself was not present at this phase of the operation, but merely made a report of it.

(3) When worried about the possibility that OSWALD would do this or that if released anytime, the Soviets decided to give him a temporary residence permit although they had no intention of giving him Soviet citizenship. He asked why he had been sent to Minch and Source replied that this was merely by chance. They had not wanted OSWALD to stay in Moscow and Minch was chosen arbitrarily.

(4) Asked about Marina OSWALD, Source said that she was not a real Soviet Communist and had been thrown out of the Komsomol for not paying her dues. She had no higher thoughts than to live a good life, have better clothes and such things. She was a stupid woman and had no interest in improving herself. "From the Soviet point of view she anyway had anti-Soviet characteristics. She was not too smart anyway and not an educated person."

(5) Finally OSWALD got tired of living in Minch and wanted to go back to the U.S. He and Marina wanted to take her with him. The Soviets decided to let them go and used Marina's uncle to talk to them and persuade OSWALD not to spread anti-Soviet propaganda after his departure. The uncle pointed out that the Soviet Government had allowed OSWALD to live here, that he had married here and the Government was going to let his wife leave with him, etc.

(6) When asked why the Government had allowed Marina to leave, Source replied that this was perfectly natural. She was legally married and expressed the desire to leave with her husband. Under Soviet law there is no question but what she would be allowed to leave.

(7) The thrust of Source's account was that neither OSWALD nor his wife had at any time been of any interest whatsoever to

/Soviet authorities.

Soviet authorities, that there had not ever been thought given to recruiting either of them as agents and that, in fact, the Soviets were glad to get rid of them both.

b. (1) During an interview on 30 January 1964, Source commented that "doctors examined [OSWALD] ." and "there were no indications that he was completely a psycho." During an ongoing discussion of the possible involvement of the Soviet government in the assassination of President Kennedy, Source stated, "No matter how I may hate anyone, but I cannot speak against my convictions and since I know this case I could undoubtedly sign off to the fact that the Soviet Union cannot be tied into this [assassination] in any way. ... continued that the KGB was frightened of OSWALD, and would not have discussed such a matter with him. When the possibility of recruiting OSWALD was brought up, the decision was "absolutely not." The only involvement permitted was to arrange for Marina PRUSAKOVA to ask in the KGB (Col. Ilya PRUSAKOV) to ask OSWALD to spread anti-Soviet propaganda in the US in view of the fact that he had been allowed to stay in the USSR and was being allowed to leave. Source commented that he was aware that the KGB had no subsequent interest in OSWALD because after the assassination of the President, Source had to make a complete investigation and even sent several KGB staff personnel to L.A. to investigate on the spot, "not trusting official papers."

(2) When speaking of OSWALD's request to return to the USSR, Source recalled that OSWALD went to Mexico to apply for permission to go to the USSR. Our people asked Moscow and we said absolutely not because he is completely undesirable -- there was no interest in him whatsoever."

(3) Asked his opinion on Cuban involvement in the assassination, Source stated that he had no information on this subject, but he did not believe that the Cuban government was involved. He gave as a reason that if any word of such involvement had leaked out, Cuba would have been crushed by the US.

2. This agency has no information which would specifically corroborate or disprove NOSENKO's statements regarding Lee Harvey OSWALD.

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3. The information in paragraph 1.3. above is based on notes taken during the first half of the first meeting with KUSMAK on 23 January 1964. The early portion of the tapes of this meeting could not be recovered because of the level of external noise. The information in paragraph 1.3. is taken from transcripts of subsequent meetings. In addition, just after his defection KUSMAK discussed the CUBAID case on several occasions without adding anything to the information contained in your Bureau's 4 March 1964 report.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS

Signed: James Angleton

JAMES ANGLETON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, Central Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: *X* [illegible] Possible Connection to Investigation of Lee Harvey and James EARL RAY

1. Attached for your file number (S) 100-77777, subject EARL RAY, and for your file number (S) 100-51330, subject Lee Harvey EARL RAY.

2. It may be of interest to your office to note the following information in the background of EARL RAY and Lee Harvey and James EARL RAY:

- a. As you know, there is correspondence regarding EARL RAY, born in March, 1928, for six months prior to his arrest in 1954 and during the period 1 January 1955 to 1956. Although OSWALD apparently did not arrive in the United States until January 1963, William OSWALD, brother of James Earl OSWALD, arrived in Miami, Florida, on the 2nd of August 1959.
- b. In connection with EARL RAY, in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1941, of this Agency was then known to be a "Russian agent" or "active of Russian Intelligence". OSWALD was then known as something of an ally to the Soviet Union. The only American residing there at the time was EARL RAY. He claimed to have attracted to him a number of young Russians who displayed an unusual interest in the subject of living in the United States and in the United States and other interests and was, at that time, having a good time and living in a house in the Voice of America. About four years later, according to KANTOR, was a young man named EARL RAY (LNU), whose father was a Soviet spy general. It is interesting that OSWALD also reportedly

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considered himself to be an ally as the only American residing in Leningrad and attracted more or less the same type young Soviets as did LANTOR. It should be noted that OSWALD listed among his close friends in Leningrad a young Soviet named Pavel CELOVACHIEV, whose father ostensibly was a Soviet army general.

- a. Both LANTOR and OSWALD had served as enlisted men and technicians in the United States Marine Corps.
4. According to a report from your Detroit office, dated 14 August 1964, LANTOR is employed by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a lecturer in Slavic languages and literature in the university's College of Literature, Science and Arts. According to press reports, Marina OSWALD is currently enrolled in a special English language course at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

Signed: John C. Martz

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
SUBJECT: SALLY

1. Reference is made to the following communications from your Bureau containing questions to be put to SALLY:

Letter dated 15 October 1966, re/Daniel Robert SHUSTEN; 8.

Letter dated 16 November 1966, re/Lee Harvey OSWALD;

Letter (from San Diego) dated 15 February 1968, re
X/Barry H. RICH; 27

Letter dated 9 March 1968, re/John Andrew SHUSTEN; 37

2. As you are aware from discussions between representatives of this Agency and representatives of your Bureau held on 5 and 7 January 1968, we are currently engaged in intensive questioning SALLY along the lines and for the purposes discussed in these meetings.

3. Whenever it becomes feasible to service the referenced questions we will do so and apprise you of the results.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

(Signed: James R. Hume)

JAMES R. HUME

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On 26 Jan 68, Room 6/21/8-A
received information on a number
of Houston's newspaper articles which
indicate a "massive operation"
was in progress for the purpose
of "discovering" information about
the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther
King. It is noted that the Dallas
Times Herald Tribune used it in
its article on 26 Jan. The article
says that the FBI is "conducting"
a "search" of "all" news but
also "some" articles which don't
"ring true".

2. Room 6/21/8-A received from
the Dallas Times Herald Tribune
information on a number of
activities of a person known as
"RACON" who has been in
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